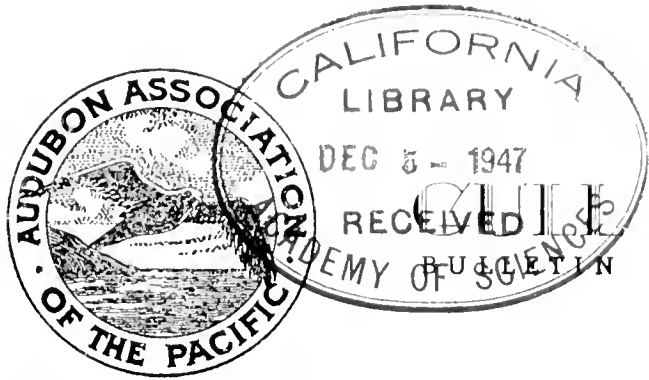


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October Field Trip

On Sunday, October 12, some twenty-eight members and guests of the Audubon Association assembled in Golden Gate Park under the leadership of Mrs. Albert B. Stephens. This was the first Audubon trip taken to Golden Gate Park in October. The day was warm, with a north wind blowing. The trip afforded a splendid opportunity for observing certain species in large numbers. Ruby-crowned Kinglets were numerous and Red-breasted Nuthatches seemed everywhere visible and audible. Chestnut-backed Chickadees were also abundant. As we walked along the path bordering the Chain of Lakes, we saw various water birds, including Pied-billed Grebes and Ruddy Ducks. Black-crowned Night Herons flew overhead, and, in one instance, posed for us near the top of a eucalyptus tree. A Gallinule swam nonchalantly a few feet from the spot where we stopped for lunch.

A real highlight of the trip was the discovery of a Varied Thrush, which was searching for food around the base of a tree in plain view of all of us. The bird was not disturbed by our presence and remained for a long time to delight us with its beauty. Myrtle Warblers were hunting insects in the trees, and stayed still long enough for us to make sure of their identity. Leaving Golden Gate Park by car, we drove to the Cliff House, where we had an excellent view of a Black Turnstone, which flew to a rock almost directly below the Cliff House porch. The total number of species identified was thirty-one.

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| Pied-billed Grebe | Western Gull | Myrtle Warbler |
| Black-crowned Night Heron | Anna Hummingbird | English Sparrow |
| Mallard | Belted Kingfisher | Brewer Blackbird |
| Pintail | Red-shafted Flicker | Arkansas Goldfinch |
| Ruddy Duck | Black Phoebe | (Green-backed) |
| Black Gallinule (Florida) | Chestnut-backed Chickadee | Spotted Towhee |
| American Coot | Red-breasted Nuthatch | Junco |
| Black Turnstone | Robin | White-crowned Sparrow |
| Heermann Gull | Varied Thrush | Golden-crowned Sparrow |
| California Gull | Hermit Thrush | Fox Sparrow |
| | Ruby-crowned Kinglet | Song Sparrow |

— Victoria Johnson, *Historian*.

November Field Trip

The trip to Rodeo Lagoon is not a new one. The first trip was taken on August 13, 1922 and trips have been taken to this section almost every year thereafter until March of 1937. This area, being a military reservation, was closed to birding trips during the war and the trip of November 16 of this year was the first since the war. As yet the party is not allowed to the light house at Point Bonita where the bird list has been swelled heretofore by many sea birds on the cliffs or flying over the ocean. This trip has always produced a great variety in bird life. The first trips were made in August which usually produced a list of about 35 birds. Later the yearly trips were made in March which caused the bird list to enlarge appreciably, there being two trips which produced bird lists of 77 species each, the first in March 1933 during a rainy day and the second in March 1935.

One of the main reasons for the large number of birds usually seen on the Rodeo Lagoon trip is due to the great diversity in terrain encountered. After passing through the narrow tunnel the road runs down along the side of a valley with a marshy area along the bottom. The sides of the valley are grassy with rocky promontories where hawks are to be seen surveying the valley floor. Taking side roads will lead one to hill crests overlooking wooded sections extending to the Golden Gate. The main road passes along a willow filled stream bottom which empties into a fresh water pond flanked by reedy marsh, bordered in turn by willows. Beyond this pond one finds Rodeo Lagoon with its accompanying salt marsh. A wide sand bar cuts the lagoon off from the ocean, forming a driftwood bestrewn beach guarded by cliffs on either side. Quite a few rarities have been seen on past trips to Rodeo Lagoon and Point Bonita. Included in this category are Duck Hawks, Lewis Woodpecker, Wandering Tattler, Old Squaw, and Townsend Solitaire.

The November trip of this year was also a successful one though no rare birds were seen. The weather was clear except for fog near the ocean with a cool breeze. The party was temporarily thrilled by what was thought at first to be a Prairie Falcon perched on a telephone pole but which proved to be an immature Red-tailed Hawk. All doubt disappeared when the bird was flushed, showing its buteo hawk silhouette and the characteristic markings of a Red-tailed Hawk in flight. A Say Phoebe, using driftwood for perches, flew ahead of the party on the ocean beach. Returning out of the fog the party made its way to one of the hill crests overlooking the fog bound Golden Gate. The tops of the twin towers of the bridge were given an ethereal look by the fog swirling below them and seemingly cutting off their connections to the earth.

The party was small, but everyone had an enjoyable time. Those on the trip were: Miss Minnie Young, Mrs. Vee Curtis, and Messrs. Philip Baukol, Arthur Myer, Jean Dubois.

49 species of birds were seen:

Western Grebe
Eared Grebe

Pied-billed Grebe
Brown Pelican

Double-crested Cormor-
ant (Farallon)

Great Blue Heron	American Coot	Long-billed Marsh Wren
Common Egret	Killdeer	Hermit Thrush
(American)	Western Sandpiper	Robin
Black-crowned Night	Glaucous-winged Gull	Varied Thrush
Heron	Western Gull	Ruby-crowned Kinglet
Mallard	California Gull	Loggerhead Shrike
Pintail	Mew Gull	(California)
Canvas-back Duck	(Short-billed)	Audubon Warbler
Scaup Duck	Heermann Gull	Western Meadowlark
Ring-necked Duck	Band-tailed Pigeon	House Finch
Common Golden-eye	Belted Kingfisher	American Goldfinch
(American)	Red-shafted Flicker	(Willow)
Ruddy Duck	Black Phoebe	Spotted Towhee
Sharp-shinned Hawk	Say Phoebe	White-crowned Sparrow
Red-tailed Hawk	Holarctic Raven	Fox Sparrow
Marsh Hawk	Wren-tit	Song Sparrow
California Quail	Bewick Wren	

Jean M. Dubois, *Co-leader and Historian.*

Christmas Census. The annual Christmas Census of Birds will be taken on Sunday, December 21, 1947. The project will be carried out under the capable direction of Mr. Herman V. Leffler. There will be eight territories. Further details will be announced at the December meeting. Please remember that each leader needs the support of other observers in order to list the maximum number of species.

November Meeting

The 362nd meeting of the Audubon Association of the Pacific was opened in the Assembly Room of the San Francisco Public Library at 8:00 p. m. on November 13, 1947, by the president, Dr. T. Eric Reynolds.

Dr. Reynolds appointed Mr. H. G. Peterson to make the Annual Audit. for the Annual Audit. Mr. Peterson will appoint other members to serve with him.

The President appointed Miss Jean B. Fay as Chairman of the Committee to Investigate Club Publications, with Mrs. Joseph Grinnell and Mrs. Charles A. Bryant to serve with her. As Miss Fay declined the appointment, Mrs. Myra Brown was appointed in her place.

The Nominating Committee was announced as follows: Chairman, Miss Margaret Milwain, with Mrs. Sadie Bozant and Mr. Donald Brock to serve with her in nominating the officers for the coming year.

Mrs. Dorothy Dean Sheldon, Chairman of the Conservation Committee, told of the State Planning Commission and its 25 year plan for developing California's shoreline into recreation areas. It was suggested that the Audubon Association might make recommendations to the Commission, with the hope of saving certain areas as bird refuges.

A letter was read from the Butano Forest Association. After some discussion

it was moved by Mr. Bradley and seconded by Mr. Leffler that the President be authorized to acknowledge receipt of the letter and ask for further information.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Mrs. Enid K. Austin asked that the word "affiliation" be struck out of the minutes as the Audubon Association of the Pacific is already an affiliate of the National Audubon Society.

Mr. Myer reported that Officer Perry (of the library staff) had passed away. It was moved by Mr. Myer and seconded by Miss Blake that the secretary be advised to write a letter of sympathy to the family.

Mr. Bradley read a letter from Dr. Jean Linsdale of the Hastings Reservation thanking the organization for the contribution to be used for the purchase of bird banding traps.

Field observations were given by some of the members.

Mrs. Alma Stultz of the Los Angeles Audubon Society told of some of the benefits their society has received since taking up joint membership with the national group. Miss Jacqueline Watkins then told of the activities at the Audubon Nature Camp in Maine. The meeting was adjourned by the President.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Rinehart, *Recording Secretary*.

December Meeting

The 363rd meeting of the Audubon Association of the Pacific will be held on Thursday, December 11, 1947, at 8:00 p. m. The group will meet in the lecture room of the Oakland Public Museum at Lake Merritt, Oakland (corner of 14th and Oak Streets). Dr. Alden H. Miller, Director of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology at the University of California will be the speaker of the evening. His topic will be "The

Distribution of Mountain — dwelling Birds in California."

December Field Trip

The annual duck census at Lake Merritt will be taken on December 14. Meet at the duck feeding station at 10:00 a. m. S. F. members take "B" train leaving Key System Terminal at 8:55 a. m. Get off at Grand Ave. and Perkins Street. East-bay members take #12 or 18 street car. Mr. Donald Brock will be the leader. Bring luncheon and binoculars.

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